

REMARKS

Claims 169, 178-180, 189, 190, 192, 221, 234, 239, 250, 255, 268, 277, 284, 285, 301, 312, 314, 317, 322 and 326 have been amended to add the phrase "the acts of" to make it even clearer that the Applicants are not presenting these claims in a step-plus-function format. Claim 301 has been further amended to eliminate some limitations. Claim 182 has been amended to correct a typographical error on its respective dependency. Thus, claims 169-187, 189, 190, 192-201, 221-224, 234-248, 250-257, 268-272, 277-285, 301-305, 312-314, 317-319, and 322-329 are still pending in the application.

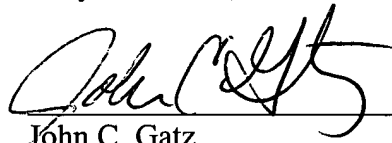
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no fee is presently due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Order No. 47171-00269USC1.

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